CHRISTMAS ON SHIP OF ICE. Strange Story of Skipper Shipwrecked

on the Pacific. Captain S. A. Hoyt, secretary of the Masters and Pilots' association of Seattle, Wash., and possibly one of the most widely known seafaring men on the Pacific coast, has a fund of experiences to draw from when he wishes to while away an hour. Up in the big, pleasant rooms of the association the captain recently told the following

"The approach of Christmas always reminds me of the Docember that I spent on an ice ship. Never heard of Well, they are unusual. I was master of the little brig Holly, and along about the 1st of November we were wrecked away down south of the Horn. The ship went on an ice floe and was battered all to pieces. We did manage to save some tools and

food and part of the cargo.
"I put the crew to work to cut off a large pinnacle of the berg. Then I set them all to work with axes, and we shaped it into a graceful ship's hull. After that we hollowed it out inside, making cabins and everything like  ${\bf a}$  regular ship, and with some of the timber saved from our vessel we rigged her as a bark, side lights and everything, even going so far as to paint her and name her the Holly. She was a fine craft and floated like a duck when finally launched. We spent Christmas on board of her and had a great time. I loaded part of the wreck-ed Holly's cargo in her, and we then started for Callao, which was our destination.

"The ice ship sailed fine and was as good a sea boat as any in which I sailed. This was only, however, when we were down south in cold water. The nearer we got to the equator the light-er became our vessel, and I finally discovered that our ship was melting beneath us. Another two days and we would have been in the water when a steamer picked us up and also saved the cargo. This paid for the loss of the vessel, which was also insured, so the owners came out ahead in the

## OUTDID UNCLE SAM.

How an Old Lady Found a Person the

National Postoffice Couldn't. "The fates call and mortals obey." The speaker was a small, precise and elegant old lady whose diminutive stature was quite forgotten by her hearers in the realization of her force and dignity. She had gone to the dead letter under protest and was narrating

an experience which grew out of the purchase she had made. "I went to that sale not because I wanted to or was interested or expected to buy aist-thing, but because I've an impertice it grandniece who hinted I was tog d to be in such a crowd.
"After awhile the auctioneer offered

a package as big as a sack of flour, and I bought it for 85 cents. Then when I brought it home I found it contained nothing but a lot of worn, threadbare clothing mended almost to death. I was just about to force It on that grandniece of mine and make her distribute it to some poor families when I found a letter in the pocket of the coat. I've kept that letter. The writer was a young girl from down east in Massachusetts. She was sending that clothing as the only Christmas gift she could make for her brother Ben, who lived in a city in Wis-

"Well, when I read that letter I just sat down and cried to think that poor girl's sewing had all gone astray. I made up my mind that if the postal authorities could not find that girl's brother I could. So I did up the bundle again, put a letter outside asking the postman to return the package to me if he couldn't deliver it and then addressed the whole thing to 'Mary Burgess' Brother Ben, —, Wis.' Would you believe that that postman in that Wisconsin town really found that poor boy and gave'him the bundle? And now I've a letter from the girl in which she tells me both she and her brother are in much improved circumstances, that Ben has a fine position in a furniture factory and that they are soon to be together for good.' -Washington Star.

### THE ACTOR'S CHRISTMAS.

Life on the Boards Is Not All a Happy

Holiday.
"I like Christmas," said an actor. "No two are ever alike in my business. Last year, for instance, the company I was with was four weeks behind in salaries, and we were 5. hanging on with the hope of the big houses Christmas day pulling us ct a little. We were playing one ct a stands and left some little toy. A New York state for Wheeling, W. Va. right after the performance. It was a trip that called for three changes of rs, and there were no sleepers in any of them.

"Every car on every train was loaded with holiday excursionists, and every male excursionist was loaded with rye and brimstone. There were fights fresh every half hour, and constables

every station. No eating stations were COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R. and we arrived at Wheeling too late to give a matinee performance, our manager had two black eyes and a broken wrist, and our star had lost a new set of teeth, without which he refused to play at

"The report had it that we were all in jail, and there would have been no house anyway. We had to get up three benefit performances before we could get money enough to buy tickets to New York, but we got there. How-ever, as I said before, Christmas days are not all alike."-Buffalo News

How It Affected Him.

Mrs. Myles-When are you coming to call on us?

Mrs. Styles-Oh, I really don't know! "But you said you'd come soon and

bring your husband?"
"I know I did, and I asked him last night to come over, and he said he'd lik eto dream over it, and, do you know, dear, he had an awful nightmare last night!"-Yonkers Statesman.

Something Lacking.

"These big hotels are not so com-

plete."
"What's lacking?"

"The express elevator gets you to the fifty-second floor all right, but there a half mile corridor confronts you and no cabs."—Montreal Star.

Had Heard It Before. "She looks very young to have a grown daughter."

"Yes; she was just telling me"—
"I know. That she was married when she was just barely fifteen years old."-Pittsburg Post.

Didn't Affect Him.

Stella—Mrs. Jones wants a new coat because Mrs. Smith looks so well in one. Jack—Yes, but Jones won't sign a check merely because Smith looks so pretty when he is writing one.-Harper's Bazar.

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